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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Haynesville Sand,
Reservoir A
Lower Smackover A Formation,
Reservoir B
Bayou Middle Fork Field
Claiborne Parish, Louisiana

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Sir:

Excel Operating Corporation hereby makes application for a public hearing to consider evidence relating to the following matters pertaining to the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, and the Lower Smackover A Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, to be designated HA RA SUA as outlined on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
2. To establish a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Smackover A Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, to be designated L SMK A RB SUA as outlined on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;

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3. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To define the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field, as that gas and condensate bearing formation encountered between the depths of 10,350 feet and 10,372 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Excel Operating Corporation (formerly Tri-C Resources, Inc.) - Campbell No. 1 Well located in the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 22 North, Range Four West, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana;
5. To define the Lower Smackover A Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field, as that gas and condensate bearing formation encountered between the depths of 10,700 feet and 10,940 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Excel Operating Corporation (formerly Tri-C Resources, Inc.) - Campbell No. 1 Well located in the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 22 North, Range Four West, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana;
6. To designate the Excel Operating Corporation - Campbell No. 1 Well as the unit well for, and to designate Excel Operating Corporation as unit operator of, both HA RA SUA and L SMK RB SUA;
7. To authorize the downhole or wellbore combination of hydrocarbons produced from the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, and the Lower Smackover A Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field, insofar as wells located on HA RA SUA and L SMK RB SUA are concerned;
8. To establish field rules for the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, and the Lower Smackover A Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field;

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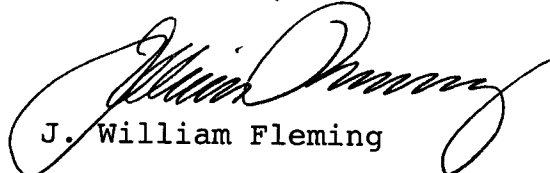
9. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the Haynesville Sand, Reservoir A, and/or the Lower Smackover A Formation, Reservoir B, in the Bayou Middle Fork Field, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir(s) change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
10. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and necessary under the circumstances.

Any pertinent data relating to this matter can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party, from Mr. Michael R. Speegle, Excel Operating Corporation, 333 Texas Street, Suite 620, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, telephone number (318) 221-2101.

The attached list includes the names of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties known to Applicant after a diligent search and a copy of this application, with plat attached, is being sent to each such party. Pursuant to Office of Conservation regulations, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any person requesting a copy of it. Also enclosed is a check for the application in connection with this matter.

Yours very truly,

COOK, YANCEY, KING & GALLOWAY


J. William Fleming

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties
Excel Operating Corporation

CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

T 22 N - R 5 W
T 22 N - R 4 W

A.W. Kendrick

A. Wasson

E.C. Hightower

HIGHWAY 70

Scale: 1" = 1000'

SECTION 18

PROPOSED UNIT WELL
Campbell No. 1
TD: 11498'

W.R. Davidson Est.

EOC

EOC

PROPOSED UNIT
L SMK A RB SU A

152'
340'
Axle
John P. Campbell

13
24

17
20

EOC

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PROPOSED UNIT
HA RA SUA

SECTION 19

PLAT SHOWING:

**EXCEL OPERATING CORPORATION
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
BAYOU MIDDLEFORK FIELD
CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

GEOLOGIST: CRAIG C. BARCLAY

SCALE: 1" = 1000'
DATE: 01/08/02
JOB NO.: 20006
FILE NO.: 22NM-01C
LAYERS: 21, 22